

Remarks:

1. The title of the invention has been changed from "GRAVESITE MEMORIAL DISPLAY" to "GRAVESITE MEMORIAL DISPLAY WITH FLOWER HOLDER FEATURE" to more clearly describe the applicant's present invention.
2. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4-7, 10 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ostergaard (US 5,553,426) in view of Beroud (1,425,361). In addition, claims 2,3,11,17, and 18 are rejected as being unpatentable over Ostergaard in view of Beroud, and further in view of Britton (US 1,924,149).

Further, the Examiner has indicated that claims 8,9, and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

2. The applicant has responded to the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections, and the objections to claims 8, 9 and 12, as outlined below:
 - a) The applicant has cancelled independent claims 1, 10, and 17, along with dependent claims 7, 11, and 18.
 - b) Dependent Claim 9, as suggested, has been amended to explicitly include the limitations of claim 1.

The applicant now respectfully submits that the claim 9, which as amended is now an independent claim, is currently in condition for allowance.

- c) Dependent claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, have been amended, as required, to establish proper dependency to now independent claim 9.

The applicant respectfully submits that these dependent claims, which include all the limitations of claim 9, are presently in condition for allowance.

- d) Dependent Claim 12, as suggested, has been amended to explicitly include the limitations of intervening claims 10 and 11.

Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits that claim 12, which as amended is presented in independent form, is now in condition for allowance.

- e) Dependent claims 13, 14, 15, and 16 have been amended, as required, to establish proper dependency to now independent claim 12.

The applicant respectfully submits that these independent claims, which include all the limitations of claim 12, are presently in condition for allowance.

3. Summary and Conclusions:

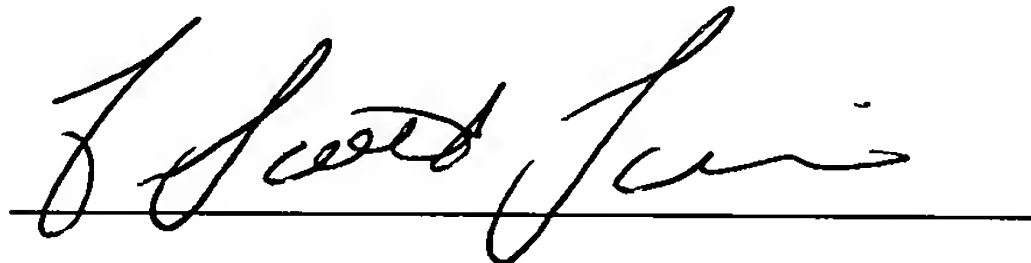
In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the presently amended and pending claims for the applicant's gravesite memorial display invention, provide limitations not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. Therefore, based on the

above amendments, comments, and responses to the Office Action of September 24, 2004, the allowance of the presently pending independent claims 9 and 12 is respectively requested.

Since the dependent claims incorporate all of the limitations of the independent claim from which they depend, their allowance is also respectfully requested.

Thank-you for your time regarding the review and analysis of this response and amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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